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COMMUNICATION

While we invite contributions into the above heading we do not hold ourselves responsible for all the views which may be expressed in them. Those writing articles of this kind must put on their own names, but we are not prepared to publish them, but rather as a review of good faith. Otherwise the article will not be printed.—Ed.

"GOLDEN WHEAT"

The Editor of the Review:
While travelling through the Delta district along the Empress Line, I noticed a field of wheat, which was different to anything I had seen before, and on enquiry found it was the property of Mr. Oat Skjerner, of Buffalo. On questioning him as to where he secured the seed, he informed me he had secured a few heads of the grain from a South African veteran, who was living along the Goose Lake line. A small quantity of the seed having been brought over by him after the South African war.

I soon recognized the wheat, as it was a close match for the seed in the Cape Colony, when I was a boy in "Gold on Hall". This was the only wheat we could sow because of its rust resisting and drought resisting qualities. It resembles what we now term Durum wheat, but a large grain and is a heavy yielder. It is headed with heavy white chaff and black beards, and a peculiarity about the grain is that it is not hollow as other wheat, but solid throughout, and because of this, gives it its drought resisting qualities. I am giving this wheat a trial this year as I feel confident some day we will find something to stand this semi-arid weather, and it is only by experimenting with the various grains that we will know what will be a success.

Yours,
P. H. WEDDERBURN

Wants Interpretation Of Political Action

C. H. Axelson, of Bingville, north of Redcliff, who for several years past has taken a vast part in the U. P. A. conventions was in Calgary on Friday on his way to Edmonton. He told The Herald that it was his intention of seeking an interpretation of "political action" at the forthcoming convention. He intends to take the position that the U. P. A. must organize industrially before it can expect results. There was much need, or enlightenment of the people composing the farmers' movement, he said.

In reply to a question he said that the U. P. A. was democratic enough, but the district organizations had not been sufficiently intelligent.

—Calgary Herald.

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Other varieties that are grown fairly commonly in some districts are the Minnesota 23 and Minnesota 15. The former requires about the same season as North Western 10 and was ripened last year by a number of growers. The Minnesota 15 is a larger later variety and cannot be expected to ripen unless the season is favorable around the average and the strata suitable for this climate.

Whatever varieties are selected it is important that seed be from a definite strain. If seed of strong vitality can be had locally it is likely to prove most satisfactory, but if the seed has to be brought in it should be sown from districts having about the same length of growing season, such as North Dakota or Montana.

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